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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT CARTER AND
VP MONDALE

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRES. CARTER
TO PM FRASER: QUOTE DEAR MALCOLM: I HAVE LEARNED THE
SAD NEWS OF THE DEATH OF SIR ROBERT MENZIES. HE WAS A
GREAT STATESMAN WHOSE LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCE EXTENDED
FAR BEYOND AUSTRALIA. HIS COUNSEL AND ADVICE WERE SOUGHT
AND RESPECTED IN CAPITALS AROUND THE WORLD. SIR ROBERT'S
EFFORTS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SOLID FOUNDATION ON WHICH
AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE BUILT. HIS CONTRIBUTION
TO WORLD PEACE AND PROSPERITY WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

ON THIS SAD OCCASION, I EXTEND MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND
THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF
AUSTRALIA. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER END QUOTE.

2. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRES. CARTER
TO DAME PATTIE MENZIES. QUOTE DEAR DAME PATTIE: IT WAS
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WITH GREAT REGRET AND SADNESS THAT I LEARNED OF THE DEATH
OF SIR ROBERT. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND
THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THIS SAD OCCASION.

SIR ROBERT'S SELFLESS DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE
ESTABLISHED A STANDARD FOR LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD. AS
PRIME MINISTER HE CREATED HIS OWN MEMORIAL THROUGH WISE

AND JUST GOVERNMENT. HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WE SHALL LONG REMEMBER HIS CONTRIBUTION TO STRENGTHENING THE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

OUR THOUGHTS AND SYMPATHIES ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME. SINCERELY,
JIMMY CARTER END QUOTE.

3. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VP MONDALE TO PM FRASER: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I AM GREATLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF SIR ROBERT MENZIES. HIS DEDICATION TO DEMOCRACY, LIBERTY AND JUSTICE LED HIM TO BE ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING STATESMEN OF OUR TIME. WITH HIS DEATH, AUSTRALIA HAS LOST A WISE LEADER. AMERICAN HAS LOST A GREAT FRIEND. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THIS SAD OCCASION. SINCERELY,
WALTER F. MONDALE END QUOTE. VANCE

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